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By E-mail

Planning and Growth Management Committee
City Hall, West Tower, 10th Floor
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Attention: Ms. Nancy Martins, Administrator

Dear Sirs/Mesdames:

Re: PG29.4 - TOcore: Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment

We are counsel to RioCan (Festival Hall) Trust, the owner of the properties municipally known in the City of Toronto as 259-267 Richmond Street West, 126-142 John Street, and 41-59 Widmer Street, commercially known as RioCan Hall, and generally located south of Richmond Street West, bounded by Widmer Street and John Street, within the affected area of the proposed Downtown Plan Official Plan Amendment (the "**Proposed OPA**"). RioCan is also the owner of various other properties and broad land interests in the City of Toronto and acquires additional interests in lands in the City from time to time.

For the reasons set out below, **we urge the Committee to defer consideration of the Proposed OPA** in order to allow time for members of the public to review and provide meaningful input on the Proposed OPA.

Our client has serious concerns regarding the Proposed OPA, especially given that the key materials needed to review and comment on the Proposed OPA—including the staff report, the actual text of the Proposed OPA and the Downtown Plan, the accompanying schedules, etc.—were posted on the City's website on April 24, 2018, merely one week before this matter is scheduled to be considered by the Planning and Growth Management Committee.

Our client and other members of the public have not been given sufficient time to review the Proposed OPA—a voluminous planning document that proposes to introduce significant changes to the downtown area policies, substantially affecting the rights of landowners and stakeholders in the City's downtown.

It is imperative that the City undertake proper and meaningful consultation with the public when introducing amendments to established Official Plan policies. A fundamental aspect of meaningful consultation is providing the public sufficient time and notice to review and comment on the City's final proposed changes—for which one week is simply inadequate.

For these reasons, we urge the Committee to defer consideration of the Proposed OPA, in order to allow time for members of the public to review and provide meaningful input on the Proposed OPA.

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We will continue to follow this matter closely. Please provide us with notice of all upcoming meetings of Council and Committees of Council at which the Proposed OPA and the Downtown Plan will be considered, and we ask to be provided with notice of Council's decision with respect to this item.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Calvin Lantz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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cc. Melissa Bruzzese & Matthew Ortved, *RioCan (Festival Hall) Trust*